remit semi-annually to CCC any interest earned on the advanced funds. The participant shall, no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, submit a financial statement to FAS accounting for all funds advanced and all interest earned.

- (3) The participant shall return to CCC any funds that are advanced by CCC if such funds have not been obligated as of the 180th day after the advance was made. Such funds and interest shall be transferred to FAS within 30 days of such date.
- (g) If a participant is required to pay funds to CCC in connection with an agreement, the participant shall make such payment in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise approved in advance by FAS.
- (h) Suppliers of commodities shall seek payment according to the purchase contract with CCC.

## §1499.7 Transportation of goods.

- (a) Shipments of donated commodities are subject to the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 55305 and 55314, regarding carriage on U.S.-flag vessels.
- (b) Transportation of donated commodities and other goods such as bags that may be provided by CCC under FFPr will be acquired under a specific agreement in the manner determined by FAS. Such transportation will be acquired by:
- (1) CCC in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), USDA's procurement regulations set forth in chapter 4 of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (the AGAR), and directives issued by the Director, Office of Procurement and Property Management, USDA; or
- (2) The participant, with reimbursement by CCC, in the manner specified in the agreement.
- (c) A participant that acquires transportation in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section may only use the services of a freight forwarder that is licensed by the FMC and that would not have a conflict of interest in carrying out the freight forwarder duties. To assist FAS in determining whether there is a potential conflict of interest, the participant must submit to FAS a certification indicating that the freight forwarder:

- (1) Is not engaged in, and will not engage in, supplying commodities or furnishing ocean transportation or ocean transportation-related services for commodities provided under any FFPr agreement to which the participant is a party; and
- (2) Is not affiliated with the participant and has not made arrangements to give or receive any payment, kickback, or illegal benefit in connection with its selection as an agent of the participant.
- (d) A participant that is responsible for transportation under paragraph (b)(2) of this section shall declare in the transportation contract the point at which the ocean carrier will take custody of commodities to be transported.

## § 1499.8 Entry and handling of commodities.

- (a) The participant shall make all necessary arrangements for receiving the donated commodities in the targeted country, including obtaining appropriate approvals for entry and transit. The participant shall store and maintain the donated commodities in good condition from the time of delivery at the port of entry or the point of receipt from the originating carrier until their distribution, sale or barter.
- (b) The participant shall, as provided in the agreement, arrange for transporting, storing, and distributing the donated commodities from the designated point and time where title to the commodities passes to the participant by contracting directly with suppliers of services, as set forth in the agreement.
- (c)(1) If a participant arranges for the packaging or repackaging of donated commodities that are to be distributed, the participant shall ensure that the packaging:
- (i) Is plainly labeled in the language of the targeted country;
- (ii) Contains the name of the donated commodities;
- (iii) Includes a statement indicating that the donated commodities are furnished by the people of the United States of America; and,
- (iv) Includes a statement indicating that the donated commodities shall not be sold, exchanged or bartered.